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Club Gossip

WINNER IN FOREIGN PARTS. Mr. Len Plasto, who recently retired as President of U.L.V.A., gives the tip that picking winners is easy on an Eastern tour.

He returned recently to report that he had had 11 winners in Hong Kong and five in Tokio.

His last three Tokio bets were on winners, so his Eastern cruise proved handsomely profitable.

Mr. Plasto said his success was due to the form facilities presented in the race books, known as "Forecast".

They were in English and Japanese, and apparently compiled by experts who knew their horses and their racing well.

Mr. Plasto said the horses and jockeys did not compare in standard with those seen in Australian capitals, but race-course amenities were better than here.

Escalators and elevators were a feature.

Elevators carried 30 people each trip to three floors to view races.

"In the stands," he added, "you sit in a club atmosphere, with refreshments at call, and girls to invest money on the Tote for you."

"If the horse wins they bring you dividends moments after the race is run."

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FOR THE STUD BOOK. Mr. Israel Green speedily accepted the challenge in the May magazine issue Club Gossip re-

garding a claim that Dr. R. J. Eakin is the club's biggest family man—but in a different direction.

The birth of the Israel Green's grandson in June gives them nine grandchildren—five boys and four girls—and all in less than seven years. They consider that this result merits a mention in the Stud Book.

Issy Green has been a regular patron of the athletic department during his 29 years' membership. This probably explains his large brood, because one has to be fit to grandfather nine offspring, especially as Issy leads a full life with Legacy, the Great Synagogue and in a number of other directions.

The Green family were seen recently in the dining room one Saturday evening, as is their custom, celebrating the safe arrival of Master Howard Maurice Portrate.

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OVERSTAYED. A. G. (Alf) Collins recently took refuge from our extraordinarily unpredictable winter in a northern clime. We almost detected signs of sunburn on his return. He had most certainly shed the goose pimples.

Bill Sinclair reports having seen Alf in the north without a worry in the world, except that he had missed the plane back.

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COCKTAILS AT FIVE. The cocktail bar on the "4th" appears to be justifying its existence. Quite a few reports are coming through praising the service and particularly the quality of the cocktails served.

FAIR EXCHANGE. All the world loathes a growler.

You have probably heard of the cafe patron who complained that on his previous visit he had received a bad oyster. The proprietor promptly told him to bring it back and he would be given another.

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SKILL PLUS PERSISTENCE. John Peoples must be one of the most consistent billiards and snooker contestants in our tournaments.

It is doubted whether he has ever been eliminated in a first round and more often than not is among that small group who fight out the finish. John is one of relatively few who are annua entrants in both tournaments.

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WELL MERITED. A member who shall be nameless for no better reason than the fact that it would be unfair publicity to competitors, recently invested in a brand new car—and what a car.

A colour brochure was handed among close friends for perusal and you may rest assured it would do vice regal society proud.

Still, it's an old saying: "Keen endeavour 'MERITS' success."

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CONSISTENT CLUB MEN. Many of our members, unobtrusive though they may be, do not escape notice as consistent patrons of the Club. Alan Bagot and John Kaleski, two "legal eagles," can be found lunching almost daily on the "2nd."

Dr. Ray Eakin is also a familiar figure though at time of writing he is to be found in hospital minus an appendix.

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"SMILEY." We are still looking for the man who has found Bill Brooks without a smile on his face.

Our advice to those who are down in the dumps is to meet Bill. He will do you nothing but good.

Even on the racecourse this applies, for he is likely to hand out a winner at favourable odds.

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THE MAGIC WAND. American clubs affiliated with Tattersall's of Sydney have reported favourably upon the hospitality and facilities extended to their members visiting Sydney in the recent past.

They have issued a circular to many thousands of the clubs within the American affiliation to take advantage of the advantages offered by Sydney Tattersall's.

The Affiliation also congratulated Tattersall's upon its recent 1958 Centenary.

In this issue of the Magazine members will find a list of overseas Club affiliations where they would be made welcome on a world tour.

A letter from the Secretary will wave the magic wand which puts them in possession of these privileges.

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ON TOUR. Members who have recently left for overseas and who hope to visit our affiliated clubs are: Messrs. M. J. Fuller, G. D. McGilvray, R. R. Rushmer, C. Lavigne, T. J. Smith, R. T. C. Macarthur, I. St. Claire, G. G. Firkin, E. L. Kennedy.

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KNIGHT OF THE CRICKET PITCH.

Club Secretary, Mr. L. J. Binns, has received from Sir Leonard Hutton a note about his proposed visit to Sydney for the next English cricket tour of Australia.

He recalls pleasurable visits on former occasions, and wished to be remembered to Committeeman Mr. A. G. Collins, and Mr. W. W. Kirwan, besides "many other good friends made among members in the past."

He looks forward, he adds, to meeting Club members again on the coming tour.

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SMILES AGAIN. Mr. Geo. Wimble, who shares the ownership of smart sprinter, Squander Lad, with his wife, was disappointed at the complete failure of the horse in the Doomben £10,000 last month, when he failed to show his usual speed and finished only 12th.

But he was all smiles at his form recovery when at his next start he was successful in the Rosehill Flying Handicap on July 26.

It indicated that there was still life in the Lad yet, and well-wishers hope to see him win more important contests for popular George.

MISSED. Tom Prescott, a Club member since 1940, is confined to his home with a brief illness.

Mr. Prescott is one of the Club's hardy annuals who rarely missed a social day, with a large circle of friends.

They wish him an early return to Club gatherings.

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EARLY REUNION. Bruce Kennedy has been missing on "the first" because of a temporary business transfer to Melbourne.

Club-mates are looking forward to an early reunion with their popular buddy.

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MR. JIM STAPLETON, of Metal Perforators, Sydney, seeks a speed record American trip.

He makes a periodical visit which usually takes three weeks, but one trip he reduced to a fortnight.

He left on Saturday, August 2, on his last inter-continental with a hope for a record-breaker.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

**Don't forget the Magazine Letter
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**When passing, drop in a note of
any item which would be of
interest to our members.**

CLUB MEN IN TURF PRIZE-MONEY

During July another batch of Club members shared in turf prize-money from the Metropolitan courses.

They were:

July 5—Warwick Farm

Juvenile Novice: Ken Ranger's Lee-jolyn.

Welter: W. R. La Forest and A. H. Watson's New Stand, trained by T. J. Smith.

Homestead Handicap: Compilla, trained by Harry Darwon.

July 9—Canterbury

Two-Year-Old Maiden: Woolsack, trained by Jack Green.

Welter: Dr. B. M. Murphy's Nydello, trained by Harry Plant.

Wednesday Handicap: Fil Allotta's Queensberry, owner-trainer.

Maiden: Braemar, trained by Frank Dalton.

July 12—Canterbury

Campsie: El Rocco, trained by Darby Munro.

July 19—Rosehill

Two-Year-Old: Poundwise, trained by Jack Green.

Picton Handicap: Woodland Stream, trained by Wm. Kelso.

July 26—Rosehill

Flying Handicap: G. B. Wimble's Squander Lad, trained by Jack Green.

YOUR CLUB away from home

TATTERSALL'S CLUB

has reciprocal arrangements with the following Clubs, where all privileges are extended to our members. A card of introduction is required and can be obtained on demand from the Secretary. Your own Club Membership Ticket must be available for inspection when visiting an affiliated Club.

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CLUB TREASURER PASSES

Mr. Roles a Man of Many Parts

Mr. John A. Roles, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, who over the last 20 years ordained his life to the welfare of Tattersall's Club, died on Wednesday night, July 30.

With characteristic zeal he had fulfilled his official Club duties to within a fortnight of his death.

Mr. Roles had a long record of earnest work in everything he undertook.

When he retired from bookmaking a few years ago he had been the A.J.C.'s oldest licensee operator.

He had seen 50 years service in the paddock.

He joined Tattersall's Club as a member in 1907.

In 1924 he was elected to the Committee.

In 1942 he moved into the office of Treasurer.

He was given a life membership in 1951 for these excellent services to the Club.

Mr. John Hickey, Chairman of Tattersall's, paid a tribute to Mr. Roles.

He said: "He and I were associated on the Committee for 21 years.

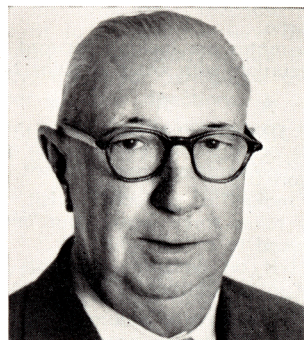
"During that period I was convinced of one thing—he lived for the good of Tattersall's Club."

Committeeman A. G. Collins added: "During my 17 years on the Committee I realised that his chief interest in life was the welfare of the Club, and we are the poorer for his going."

Other Committeemen said Mr. Roles

watched all angles of the Club's affairs.

His keenness on applications for membership was a byword.



The late Mr. John A. Roles.

With other Committeemen, Messrs. A. G. Collins, Geo. Chienne, and Ernest Vandenberg, he framed programmes for Tattersall's four meetings a year with expert knowledge.

Mr. Roles was a keen bookmaker who cut his cloth according to his coat.

A big newcomer punter not long ago asked him for £2,500 to £500 about a 5/1 horse.

Mr. Roles offered £250 to £50.

The punter said: "You shouldn't be in the paddock if you don't bet bigger than that."

Mr. Roles replied: "I bet according to

my book, and you'll be paid."

Mr. Roles was one of the few bookmakers who escaped being trapped in the ticket forgeries of about 10 years ago.

One ticket appeared for £135.

It recorded a bet Mr. Roles had laid, but he had a rule that his clerk hand him tickets for an inspection before payout.

This was done and he also looked at the claimant.

Mr. Roles had a photographic memory for faces, and realised this wasn't the punter who had taken the £135 bet.

When he said: "Hold it for awhile," the forger realised he had been spotted and vanished into the crowd.

Later the "right" ticket came along and the punter was paid.

Less speed and the precautionary check had paid a dividend for Mr. Roles.

A good story was told of an earlier incident in Mr. Roles' sporting activities.

He and Mick Gearin and their wives were travelling to Melbourne to see Mr. Gearin's Prismatic run in the Grand National of 1934. Mr. Gearin had raced Prismatic on the flat and won a Randwick event when he was noticed by crack Victorian trainer Cecil Godby and leased by bookmaker Jack Phillips for jumping.

He made good and was fancied for the National, and Messrs. Roles and Gearin were on their way by the Melbourne Limited to back him and see him run.

The foursome played bridge, and after the game had proceeded awhile a stranger who didn't know them, remarked to his neighbour, "Look at those men giving each other the 'office' what to bid whenever they're playing against the women."

"It isn't fair."

By a strange coincidence each had a nerve twitch which caused nodding of the head.

It was a strange coincidence that both men had a "tick" which resulted in a frequent sideways nod. They did it playing cards or any other time.

This was the "office" the spectator suspected they were giving each other at that bridge game.

When told about the incident, both sportsmen had a good laugh at the suggestion that they would cheat their own wives in a cheap bridge game.

"As a matter of fact, we were underplaying our hands to give them the satisfaction of beating us," Mr. Roles said.

Mr. Roles raced a horse occasionally. One was Scartchmere, which he obtained from New Zealand and had the satisfaction of winning with at Randwick.

He had an interest in a successful steeple chaser, Busra, who also won at Randwick.

His funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Woollahra, on Friday, August 1, was attended by a representative gathering of race and club and business executives.

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FABULOUS WEALTH OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Leading Australian racing Clubs like the A.J.C. and the V.R.C. could easily be envious of the fabulous wealth of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Its colossal income enables it to transact its affairs on a grand luxury scale which suggests the wealth of the Arabian Knights.

For instance, there had been a suggestion that it should relinquish to the Government a portion of the land upon which forms the site for its race club and course.

The Club got round that.

At a cost of 25,000,000 dollars it resumed some swamp land along the Causeway, built it into a public park and handed it to the Government on a silver salver.

Their course and grounds remained intact.

This among other interesting highlights on Hong Kong and its sporting activities was revealed by Mr. L. H. (Harry) Warne, a Tattersall's Club member of 16 years, who returned recently to Sydney.

Other interesting points made in an interview with Mr. Warne—

- The Club imports from Australia and provides the community with all the horses which race there.

- Many Russian trainers conduct the big race stables.

- At all race meetings competitors are ridden by gentleman (amateur) jockeys.

- A Chinese near-millionaire owns, trains and rides his own horses with marked success.

In Sydney Mr. Warne was Supply Officer to the New Zealand Government and became a member of Tattersall's and the S.T.C. in 1942.

He moved to Hong Kong 12 years ago to become an executive officer of the Whampoa Docks, and was elected a member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and a number of other sporting and social clubs in the Protectorate.

The Jockey Club buys hundreds of Australian thoroughbreds annually.

Periodically about 150 or more are put in the hat for a ballot for members who want to race.

Each horse and each applicant is numbered.

They are drawn from the two hats and a member may get a champion or otherwise. This he names, registers and prepares for training.

If he draws an outstanding performer he can't sell, except through the Club.

The horse still belongs to the Club.

He is responsible merely for its racing.

Similarly, if it proves a dud he can dispose of it only through the agency of the Club.

Many of the Hong Kong trainers are Russians. A few of these are good.

In all races only amateur riders are employed.

Some of these are good, too.

They get no fees.

One of the most successful of Hong Kong's turf operators is Kenny Kwok, who owns, trains and rides his own horses.

He is very wealthy and immensely powerful, and his stable keeps turning out many winners in each season.

The season lasts five months, from

January to May, then ceases for the rest of the year. In the race period there are two, three or four meetings a month.

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five Hong Kong dollars (7/6) and the Club nets an enormous profit from this source.

On its Derby the Club runs a two-dollar sweep in which first prize is 750,000 dollars with rich returns for second, third and fourth tickets.

Executives and Stewards of the Jockey Club are honorary.

The recent decision to appoint Mr. Jack Kelso, a former Sydney trainer, as a paid stipendiary Steward, was a surprise move by Hong Kong Jockey Club, but probably the need for a tighter control by an expert was felt in the community.

Mr. Kelso, after retiring as a trainer to become a Queensland grazier, took a Steward's job at Toowoomba, then later resigned from that and became a Committeeman of the same club.

He is a member of a notable racing family.

His father, Wm. Kelso, won the 1928 Melbourne Cup with Statesman, besides Derbies and many other important classics of the turf in Sydney and Melbourne.

A brother, Wm. Kelso, Jun., is a member of Tattersall's and has had training success with Persist, Woodland Stream and many others.

Remuneration for the Hong Kong job for Mr. Jack Kelso is lucrative, round £60 a week with home, transport and other amenities free.

Mr. Warne said the Hong Kong Jockey Club was generous in all money matters, and did not worry about price as long as it made racing and its Club

a success and an attraction for all visitors.

Only Europeans are admitted to the Committee or executive jobs.

Hong Kong population has risen since 1946 from 600,000 to above three million and the community is immensely rich with luxury sporting clubs for cricket, bowls and tennis.

Mr. Warne has been frequently into Red China in recent years since the Iron Curtain was eased slightly.

He has visited Peking, Tsientsin, Shanghai, Fu Chow and Swatow to provide shipping supplies.

But the regime is still strict.

If your credentials were satisfactory you got the necessary permit for such travel, and a guide was provided.

But the guide turned out to be an armed soldier guard, ready to shoot if orders were disobeyed.

Thanks to its sporting activities Mr. Warne said that life during his 12 years in Hong Kong had been pleasant.

It was his intention now to settle either in Australia or New Zealand.

OBITUARIES

C. F. HORLEY

Elected 20/5/1929

Died 26/6/1958

J. B. CARLTON

Elected 23/8/1943

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LAG WINS A 5-YEAR-OLD BET

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A Leger bookmaker once held a bet of 27/6 for five years before he paid out.

The bookmaker was Mr. Percy Pilcher, a member of Tattersall's Club since 1926.

When the punter arrived with a well-worn ticket, Mr. Pilcher had preserved the record in his book of unpaid vouchers.

It was on Amounis, winner of the 1926 Epsom.

Mr. Pilcher asked the backer what had caused the delay in the claim.

Unblushingly he replied: "I did the five years in gaol."

He added: "I made that bet a fortnight before the race. A few days later I was picked up and given a stretch, and when Amounis won the race I was in Long Bay.

"But I knew the Amounis ticket was safe at home. I knew, too, that you were safe, Mr. Pilcher. And here I am now to collect."

The ticket was for half-a-crown invested at 10/1.

Mr. Pilcher paid out with a friendly word of warning to the punter to keep out of trouble in the future.

That was among many unusual and humorous experiences Mr. Pilcher had as a Leger bookmaker over a period of 48 years.

One was not so funny.

It involved the loss of 750 sovereigns from the back of his car as he drove down Macquarie Street, one Sunday.

There had been an epidemic of burglaries and safeblowing at Kensington where he lived.

So on a Sunday drive he carried £750 in sovereigns in one bag, £400 in another.

They leaked from the back of an old Citroen car he drove to the harbour punt.

Of course, it had to be the £750 bag which burst. The £400 bag was intact when he returned home. He said: "On the punt people were talking about a trail of sovereigns along Macquarie Street.

"They said they had never seen so many golden coins in their lives.

"I investigated and found it was my bag which had leaked them out.

"It was about 1906 and it had been my practice to save every sovereign which came my way in those days and to pay winning bets in notes.

"I sensed that gold currency was on the way out and that sovviess would be invaluable.

"How right I was?

"They proved to be worth £3/10/- apiece years later and now you could

sell a sovvie for a fiver's worth of notes.

"So my 750 sovereigns could years later have been worth anything between £2,750 and £3,750.

"When I heard the people talking on the punt I thought of retracing my journey to search for my lost money, but realised how futile that would have been.

"Hundreds of people had joined the treasure-hunt and had put the cleaner through Macquarie Street pretty thoroughly.

"So I took the loss as philosophically as I could.

"But what was worse was a report which went the racing rounds that the loss had sent me 'broke'.

"People in the Leger wouldn't bet with me, believing I couldn't pay.

"It did me a lot of harm.

"But I soon corrected this. I extended the odds, paid all bets and met all liabilities."

A man who became a legend on Sydney racecourses adopted Mr. Pilcher as his "Patron".

This was "Blind Freddie", who stood beside Mr. Pilcher's stand each race day and seldom left it.

He was really sightless—no pretence—and although he missed the spectacle of the race meetings he was an inveterate punter—as long as his bank lasted.

The way he became a legend was this:

If, in those days, a horse was a non-trier, the saying would go: "It was so hot Blind Freddie could see it."

There were spurious half-crowns in those days. Mr. Pilcher used to stick them in Blind Freddy's pocket as he stood beside his betting stand.

Until one day he learned that he had used them to bet with a neighbouring bookie, who threatened to "murder him".

Mr. Sol Green, millionaire bookmaker, once met Blind Freddie in Sydney and announced: "If you ever come to Melbourne I'll shout you a good new hat."

Blind Freddie turned up at a Melbourne Cup meeting and "fronted" Sol.

"You're Mr. Sol Green," he said. "I'm Mr. Bottle Green. What about the new hat?"

Sol gave him the price of it—a fiver.

Mr. Pilcher received nice letters on his resignation as a bookmaker last month from the A.J.C. and S.T.C., expressing appreciation of his services to racing patrons, and a third from Harry Graham, written beautifully in hand-italics after 48 years as his clerk, saying what a good sport he had been for that near-half century.

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BEST UNDER TAT

Gloaming or Phar Lap?

Who is the best racehorse to carry his colors to victory under the auspices of Tattersall's Club's century of racing?

The impulse is to plump, of course, for Tulloch, but by a strange set of circumstances the current champion has never carried the colors at a Tattersall's meeting.

He was nominated for the Chelmsford Stakes last September, but was withdrawn because it did not fit in with his Spring programme.

Prince Darius, who since has been Tulloch's runner-up in most of the classics, won in his absence, from Red-craze.

Tulloch went on to Guineas' wins here and in Melbourne, the Derbies, the Caulfield Cup and in weight-for-age classics against all-comers of all ages.

The Chelmsford Stakes is Tattersall's greatest horse-race, and it is a pity our greatest champion perhaps ever has so far missed it, but this omission is certain to be rectified when the race comes round again in September, 1958.

It will be run at Randwick on September 13.

Without exaggeration, the Chelmsford can be named among the most distinctive in the Australian calendar.

It is run over nine furlongs at weight-for-age.

It dates back nearly 70 years and is one of the principal stepping stones in the early Spring preparation of all champions and quite naturally has attracted the best horses who trod the Australian Turf.

In fact, it has long been a tradition to run Derby aspirants and older cracks preparing for handicaps such as the Epsom and Metropolitan and Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, in this exacting test.

A win means the hall-mark of quality.

With Tulloch out of this line-up of the outstanding gallopers in the history of the race, who is the best Chelmsford winner?

In this quest we shall plump for two horses, Gloaming and Phar Lap, and let the reader choose between a mighty pair.

Gloaming won it once in 1918 and had two seconds—to Beauford in 1922, to Heroic in 1924.

After a second to Mollison in 1929, Phar Lap won in 1930.

Although Phar Lap won the hearts of the more modern generation of race-

goers with his great stamina, Gloaming was a mighty horse who in his particular sphere notched a record of performances unequalled in Australian racing history.

This is a summary of Gloaming's great deeds:

- He took on all the champion rivals



MIGHTY IDOL, PHAR LAP, WITH JIM PIKE UP.

of a vintage period of the turf, ran 67 times, and won 57 races.

- In another nine he was never worse than second.

- His only failure to gain a place was in a New Zealand race in which he was thrown at the start.

- He won over distances from half a mile to 1½ miles.

- His world record, 45, for half a mile, still stands.

- He was successful in three Derbies, one at Randwick and the other two in New Zealand.

There are few horses the world over who can better 57 wins in the best class the turf could muster, but that was Gloaming's achievement.

The horses who beat him in Australia were the best of their day, Poitrel, Heroic, Ballymena and Baeuford, all classic performers.

In the great series of four matches

with Beauford in the Spring of 1922, Gloaming gained two, Beauford two.

To see them race at Tattersall's meeting in September, 1922, a crowd of 90,000 people came to Randwick—the biggest ever assembled for a race meeting conducted by this Club.

Despite all his exacting battles against the best, Gloaming raced on to a ripe old age.

At nine years he won his last eight races against the best Australia and New Zealand could produce.

Then he retired so sound in wind and

limb that his owner, G. D. Greenwood, and trainer, Dick Mason, declared he could have trained on for another two years.

But of a champion, whose name was a byword on the turf, this they would not ask.

Because stakes in Gloaming's day were trivial he won only £43,100 for this mighty record of achievement.

Value them at current weight-for-age prize-money and his tally would have been something above £110,000.

By comparison Tulloch, for 21 wins, has earned £66,148.

The veterans will never forget Gloaming's first start in a race (as a three-year-old), our Chelmsford Stakes at Randwick in September, 1918.

He began slowly, but soon took the lead and raced on to a win by eight lengths.

For an unraced maiden this would

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be a good performance against moderates.

But let's see who were in the places eight lengths behind him that day?

No less than Rebus, an imported champion, and Kennaquhair, another staying highlight.

Less than three weeks after Gloaming had "left them for dead" Rebus won the Epsom and Kennaquhair the Metropolitan.

Such a magnificent debut for a three-year-old maiden could forecast only a mighty career.

And Gloaming fulfilled the prediction like the magnificent thoroughbred he was.

Phar Lap had a less auspicious beginning.

He had four unplaced starts before he won a Rosehill Maiden Two-Year-Old in April, 1929.

Then followed four three-year-old starts before his real form began to unfold with a brilliant finish to run Mollison to a neck in the weight-for-age Chelmsford Stakes.

At that period Mollison was the best four-year-old speedster of his time.

This was followed by success for Phar

Lap in the Rosehill Guineas, the Craven Plate, two Derbies at Randwick and Flemington.

From the following Autumn he was invincible and won 15 races straight.

He won most of these in a hand canter, and finished a miraculous 12 months with his Melbourne Cup win as a four-year-old carrying 9.12.

Having become established as a stayer Phar Lap was only once given a sprint task.

But he showed that he could turn speedster if the need arose by winning the 1931 Caulfield Futurity over seven furlongs.

His owner-trainer, Harry Telford, wisely refrained after that success from speed tasks, and Phar Lap remained invincible over a distance at weight-for-age until he failed in the 1930 Melbourne Cup with 10.10.

He was off colour for that engagement, and jockey Jim Pike did not punish him.

His trip to America a few months later to win the Agua Caliente in Mexico opened the eyes of Americans who saw him scout wide all through the race, take the lead a long way from home and simply bolt in.

His aggregate record was 51 starts for 37 wins, three seconds, two thirds, and nine unplaced. For £66,738.

It was a pity that death took him from arsenate lead poisoning before he could race again.

The American experts claimed that if he had reached the metropolis of racing in New York he would have revolutionised all turf annals.

So there is no telling how far he could have gone in the advance from an Australian champion to a world-beater.

Well, there are the two contenders for the distinction of being Tattersall's Club's greatest equine, Gloaming the speedster, or Phar Lap the stayer.

We have had many Chelmsford winners of high repute since, Rogilla (twice), Limerick (three times), Windbag, Beaulivre, Beau Vite, and last but not least, Delta three times.

But none quite measured up to the Gloaming or Phar Lap standard.

And to separate that pair takes a hairline demarcation.

Let's say that without making a distinction they were the greatest horses of this century to race in past Chelmsford Stakes.

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1st ROUND RESULTS

E. W. Abbott	(Rec. 120)	250	beat	P. J. Schwarz	(Rec. 85)	185
E. A. Westhoff	(Rec. 50)		v.	J. Harris	(Rec. 95)	Forfeit
S. M. Norton	(Rec. 55)	250	beat	C. M. Cole	(Rec. 80)	136
C. H. Oswald-Sealy	(Rec. 85)	250	beat	A. Gott	(Rec. 100)	175
G. R. Bryden	(Rec. 85)	250	beat	G. J. C. Moore	(Rec. 140)	219
J. H. Farrar	(Rec. 70)	250	beat	R. Price	(Rec. 145)	245
T. B. Dwyer	(Rec. 90)	250	beat	H. J. Robertson	(Owes 50)	175
J. C. O'Riordan	(Rec. 120)	250	beat	D. S. Dind	(Rec. 100)	231
P. N. Roach	(Rec. 120)	250	beat	C. Scarf	(Rec. 140)	226
L. J. Haigh	(Rec. 65)	250	beat	J. D. Hickey	(Rec. 120)	198
E. A. Halcroft	(Rec. 100)	250	beat	T. S. Holden	(Rec. 130)	249
A. J. Howarth	(Rec. 50)	250	beat	G. J. M. Watson	(Rec. 70)	200
N. R. Plomley	(Rec. 75)		v.	J. R. D. Stapleton	(Rec. 50)	Forfeit
J. H. Peoples	(Rec. 110)	250	beat	J. N. Caldwell	(Rec. 80)	190
A. Lash	(Rec. 110)	250	beat	J. V. Maloney	(Rec. 85)	226
J. Murray	(Rec. 105)	250	beat	R. W. Davies	(Rec. 100)	241
J. Eaton	(Rec. 50)		v.	R. Rattray	(Rec. 115)	Forfeit
S. Peters	(Rec. 90)	250	beat	O. Bates	(Rec. 80)	148
J. W. Rogan	(Rec. 115)		v.	C. Brelaz	(Rec. 80)	Forfeit
A. J. Chown	(Owes 20)	250	beat	N. Seamonds	(Rec. 165)	232
A. G. Bull	(Owes 225)		v.	A. M. Watson	(Rec. 100)	Forfeit
W. R. Dovey	(Rec. 130)	250	beat	E. A. Davis	(Rec. 75)	230
J. A. Shaw	(Rec. 120)	250	beat	G. Fienberg	(Rec. 50)	197
K. C. Foster	(Rec. 90)	250	beat	D. J. Whitford	(Rec. 120)	191
B. M. Lane	(Rec. 110)	250	beat	L. H. Howarth	(Rec. 105)	235
W. G. Hutchinson	(Rec. 110)		v.	T. S. Woodbridge	(Rec. 100)	Forfeit
W. Longworth	(Owes 60)	250	beat	E. F. Milverton	(Rec. 100)	152

1st ROUND BYES:

S. J. Lane	(Rec. 85)
P. W. McGrath	(Rec. 120)
C. L. Parker	(Rec. 100)
F. Vockler, Snr.	(Rec. 30)
Harold Hill	(Rec. 95)

FALSE RAIL A TRAP IN EARLIER CHELMSFORD

The 1943 Chelmsford Stakes saw the introduction of the false rail at Randwick and almost resulted in disaster for Darby Munro and a good horse, Katanga.

The rail had been put up because of storms.

For the 1943 Chelmsford the going was heavy and a muddling race resulted, in which the 2/1 favourite, Tribal, gained a big lead.

When they reached the bulge of the false rail near the six furlongs turn, Katanga got a bump from a slipping horse and was almost put over the fence. He stopped almost to a walk.

However, Munro got him balanced again by a miracle and he battled on gamely to finish second.

But he was six lengths behind the winner, Tribal.

The time, 1.59 for nine furlongs, showed how sloppy the track had become.

Stewards investigated and adjustments were made to the false rail.

In those days it took days to erect.

Now a less complicated and better system is used and it goes up in a few hours.

Tribal was a grey three-year-old with speed plus stamina who was leased for racing by his breeder, Mr. W. J. Smith, to his wife and Mrs. Frank Packer.

Subsequently Tribal was sold at a high price for America, where he won races.

Swimming

By JACK DEXTER

THE YEAR'S CHAMPIONS

Club Champion — Carl Phillips!
"Native Son" winner—Ken Glass!

That's the final news of the 1957-1958 swimming season, which finished on 8th July with the 40 yards Club Championship for trophies presented by Alf. Collins.

Holder of the title, Bill Kendall, was overseas, but the field sent away by Starter Sam Block was a fine one.

Heats were won by the favourites, Graeme Cole, in 20.8 secs., and Carl Phillips, in 21.2 secs., and the two next fastest, Keith Longworth 21.4 and Leigh Bowes 22.1, joined them in the final.

That proved a crackerjack race between Phillips and Cole, who battled it out stroke for stroke for the full distance, Phillips winning by about half an inch, both being clocked at the same time, 20.8 secs.

Keith Longworth, who got the best of the start, was not far away in third place.

There was no excitement in the battle for first place in Bill Kirwan's "Native Son" Point Score, for all points scored

during the season as Ken Glass had it won a long way from the post, but the struggle for the minor places was really good.

A heat win by Jim Comans in the last handicap of the season made him a certainty for second place, but Les. Bear and Col. Bowes, both heat-winners, were only half a point apart and placings in the final decided third place in the "Native Son".

Both won divisions of the finals, which left the position as it was, Bowes in third place and Bear fourth. Stu. Murray was 11½ points astern, fifth, two and a half ahead of Arthur Alsop.

Now the boys can go out to grass until the new season starts early in October, though they will have a chance to show their paces at the Annual Ball in September.

For the three days between their return from training in Townsville and their departure for Cardiff four of Australia's Empire Games swimmers, John Devitt, Gary Chapman and Geoff Ship-ton, who filled the places in the 110 yards Games race, and Brian Wilkinson did quite a lot of training in the pool and delighted onlookers with their form.

On the day of the Club's last handicap race, Wilkinson gave an exhibition two laps' backstroke for the boys and Gary Chapman was sent against the clock over 40 yards. His time, 17.2 secs., was the BEST EVER swum in the pool as far as we can remember, though Bill Kendall has swum mighty close to it.

Gary was wished all the best at the Games by the Swimming Club and was asked to pass on those wishes to the rest of the team.

Disappointed official was Handicapper Jack Gunton when he could not appear at the Championship owing to a bout of illness. However, latest reports are that Jack is doing well and the boys all send him their best wishes.

Another on the sick list is Cuth. Godhard, who is in the Mater Hospital following an operation. He, too, is going well and we'll see him in action again very soon.

Jim Riddell looks in top form after his few weeks' trip to Japan on business plus pleasure.

Graeme Cole's last handicap swim of 19.6 to win a heat was probably his best of the season, but it just goes to show the difference between a handicap start and a championship standing start when one compares that swim with his 20.8 secs. in the title race.

It may be mentioned that Gary Chapman's swim, recorded earlier, was from a handicap start to compare it with those of our Club stars.

Results:—

June 24.—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap, 1st Division Final: H. Bate and K. Glass (54) 1, J. O. Dexter and S. Murray (47) and K. Francis and W. Mackenzie (45) 2. Time, 53.4 secs. 2nd Division Final: C. Bowes and C. L. Bear (49) 1, G. Goldie and H. Herman (65) 2, K. Longworth and M. Sellen (44) 3. Time, 47.6 secs.

July 1.—40 yards Handicap, 1st Division Final: C. Bowes (24) 1, G. Cole (20) 2, K. Longworth (21) 3. Time, 24.4 secs. 2nd Division Final: C. L. Bear (25) 1, G. Goldie (38) 2, S. Sernack (24) 3. Time, 24.3 secs.

40 yards Club Championship

1st Heat: C. Cole 20.8 secs., 1; K. Longworth 21.4, 2; F. L. Bowes 22.1, 3. 2nd Heat: C. B. Phillips 21.2 secs., 1; F. Harvie and G. Laforest 22.3, 2.

Final

C. B. Phillips, 20.8 secs. 1
G. Cole, 20.8 secs. 2
K. Longworth 3

"Native Son" 1957-58 Point Score

Final result of this series was:

K. Glass, 212½ 1
J. Comans, 190½ 2
C. Bowes, 189½ 3

C. L. Bear 189, S. Murray 177½, A. Alsop 175, H. Herman 170½, S. Kay and S. Sernack 170, G. Goldie 164, G. Laforest 163½, R. Corrick 159½, K. Longworth 154½, C. Godhard 148½, F. Harvie 144, C. B. Phillips 139½, P. Lindsay 138½, F. L. Bowes 130½, R. Lipman 123½, R. Harris and R. Allen 117½, A. McCamley 112½, H. Bate 109½, G. Cole and K. Francis 104, E. F. Muller 101, B. Chiene 98½, J. O. Dexter 98, J. Shaffran 87, M. Burnham 86½, R. Stanford 80½, E. B. Phillips 80.

June-July Point Score

This series resulted: C. L. Bear 28½, 1; C. Bowes 28, 2; G. Goldie 25, 3; E. F. Muller 23½, 4; S. Sernack 21, 5; H. Herman 20½, 6; W. Mackenzie 20, 7; K. Longworth, A. McCamley and C. B. Phillips 18, 8; K. Glass 17, 11; F. Harvie and R. Corrick 16½, 12; P. Lindsay 16, 14.

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Bowling Notes

Once again our thanks to Waverley Bowling Club for the use of their greens and Club amenities for the month of July.

Owing to extensive repairs to the Double Bay greens it looks as though it will be quite a time before we are playing there again.

On June 26 at Waverley the Trophy Triples was won by Noel Hough's team, of Wal Hutchinson and visitor T. Tennyson. A good roll-up of 30 players attended. Amongst our visitors were two Club Presidents, Tommy Thompson, President of Waverley, and Bill Black, President of Double Bay.

On July 3, at Waverley, the Trophy Triples winners were N. Kirby, I. Silk and K. Williams.

On July 10 a pairs game saw a welcome return of Geo. Minnoch, who won the trophies with Roscoe Ball.

July 17, at Waverley: Trophy winners were Joe Clarke and Jack Phillips.

July 24: Pairs game trophy winners were F. Gawler and Reg. Bartley.

Bill McDonald has the wishes of all Club members for a speedy recovery from his recent illness. Bill's unconquerable spirit will no doubt have him back bowling again with us in the near future.

Cedric Emanuel's trip up north has had the desired effect on his health and bowling. He signified his return with a win in the first round of the State fours.

Harold Hill's team, of Alex Buckle, Ken Williams and Noel Hough, got into the last 16 in the Queensland South Coast tournament. Harold and Alex also made the last 16 in the pairs section. A very good effort, considering the big field.

Club member Morrie Healy played third in the winning four and so kept Tattersall's Club bowlers to the fore. Jack Keogh, our Hon. Treasurer, is an aspirant to Committee honours at Waringah Bowling Club. Waringah will indeed be fortunate to have such an able committeeman at their service should he be elected.

Bill Diftort is still playing good bowls despite a troublesome foot complaint. One of our consistent attenders, it's about time he landed another trophy.

City Tattersall's will hold a Charity Day on September 18 at South Coogee, for Sub-normal Children's Home, Wingham. They would like the support of Tattersall's bowlers with one or two rinks.

ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget the Annual Meeting of the Bowling Section on the 4th floor on August 25. Cocktails and buffet will be served after the meeting.

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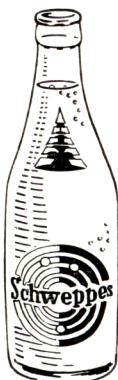
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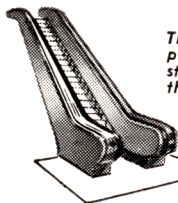
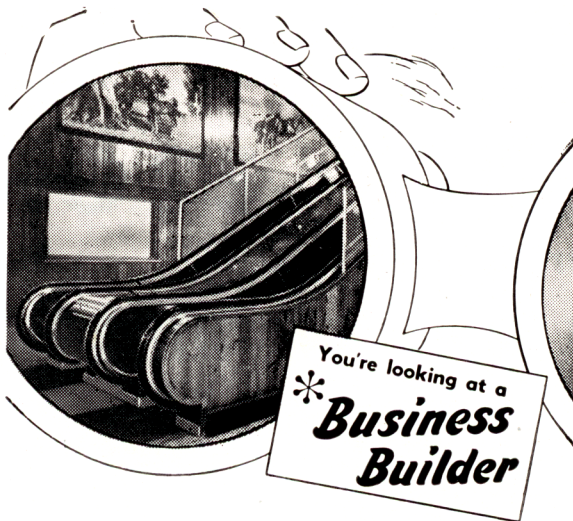


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SEGENHOF TROPHY

This competition is progressing very well with the top half decided and the finalists Eddie Davis and George McGilvray.

Eddie Davis reached the final by defeating Trevor Barrell, 41/39, after a very exciting match. The outcome was in doubt almost to the last point and was a triumph for the handicapper.

Eddie Davis, from minus 5, just made it against Trevor, on plus 24, a big start to give any opponent. However, sheer doggedness won the day and experience prevailed.

The other finalist, George McGilvray, had a bye. By the way, George has gone on a business trip to the United States and we are awaiting his return to play this final. In the meantime we are getting along with the bottom half and the results are as follows:

Neil Barrell defeated Clarrie Woodfield, 41/37.

Peter Lindsay defeated Viv Thicknesse, 41/32.

Eric Thompson defeated Peter Williams, 41/38.

Ron Spencer defeated Bill Kirwan, 41/31.

Tom Abernethy defeated John Shaffran, 41/35.

Ralph Davies defeated Leigh Bowes, 41/33.

Bruce Partridge defeated Jim Comans, 41/33.

John Brice and Zade Lazarus are yet to play.

Neil Barrell had a very nice win over Clarrie Woodfield. This match saw all the way. Clarrie appeared to be home, but lost points at a very vital stage near the finish and Neil lasted long enough to get the verdict in a very exciting game.

Eric Thompson showed his form when he won from Peter Williams, 41/38. Peter put up a grand effort to go down by only three points. Eric is always hard to defeat and he hung on very gamely to receive the "game and set" decision in a photo finish.

Ron Spencer had too much start from Bill Kirwan. Bill was the victim of an unfortunate start with wrong scores being called against him. However, nothing can be taken away from Ron, who won very nicely at the finish.

[The umpire was the writer of these notes. Sorry to have upset you, Bill.]

Tom Abernethy met John Shaffran in a fighting mood and had to do his very best to win, 41/35. John showed real form until his condition ran out and Tom had to do his best to win.

Ralph Davies, Peter Lindsay and Bruce Partridge had fairly comfortable wins over Leigh Bowes, Viv Thicknesse and Jim Comans, respectively, and on the form displayed they promise to figure very prominently in the finals for this trophy.

WINOOKA TROPHY

The Maidens and Novice classes are having a wonderful time in this event.

The greatest sensation is the reduction in Ralph Davies' handicap. He has been slashed from + 15 to + 5, a reduction of 10 points. This will put him well and truly on his mettle.

Matches finalised so far are:

John Dexter defeated Gordon Boulton, 41/38.

Ron Spencer defeated John Brice, 41/39.

Rob. Lipman defeated Col. Chatterton, 41/36.

George Goldie defeated Geoff Laforest, 41/34.

Les Bear defeated Collin Bowes, 41/36.

Ralph Davies defeated M. Sellen, 41/37.

John Dexter and Gordon Boulton had a very good match, with the result in doubt right to the finish. John had not played for quite a while and in the circumstances his form was amazing. Gordon played well, but John deserved victory on the day.

Ron Spencer keeps on winning and his success over John Brice was good. Ron has the "will to win" and never lets up. I thought John Brice would win this match, but Ron confounded all form with very nice play.

BIG TATT'S DAY AT RANDWICK

Members of Tattersall's will be proud of the Club's meeting at Randwick on September 13.

It is the most important of the Club's four annual fixtures at the N.S.W. Headquarters of racing, Randwick.

It will bring together Tulloch and other champions of the turf for their second runs of the new season for thoroughbreds which opened this month.

Their second runs are likely to be more important than earlier preliminaries after a Winter spell.

So we can expect to see them at their best.

The young cracks just turned three such as Skyline, winner of the £10,000 Golden Slipper, Man of Iron, winner of Sires' Produce Stakes in Sydney and Brisbane, Gabonia (Canonbury), Ginger Nell and many other three-year-olds are getting into form for the occasion.

Prize-money for the day is £9,000 and no race is worth less than £1,000.

Results of the more important contests, the Chelmsford £2,000 nine furlongs, Tramway, £1,500, seven furlongs, and Spring Handicap, £1,500, 10 furlongs, have, for half a century, pointed the finger at the winners of Australia's greatest Spring classics, the Derbies, the Epsom and Metropolitan, and the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups.

It is hoped there will be 50,000 people or more at Randwick on this September 13, 1958, to see what direction the pointing finger takes this season.



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The Voice of an Envoy

A foreign envoy who came often to the Club and went out of his way to make himself popular with members has departed.

He is Mr. Mordekhai Nurock, Minister of Israel in Sydney, whose services to his country here ended in June.

His sincere letter of appreciation on his departure home must be printed in full to be thoroughly appreciated.

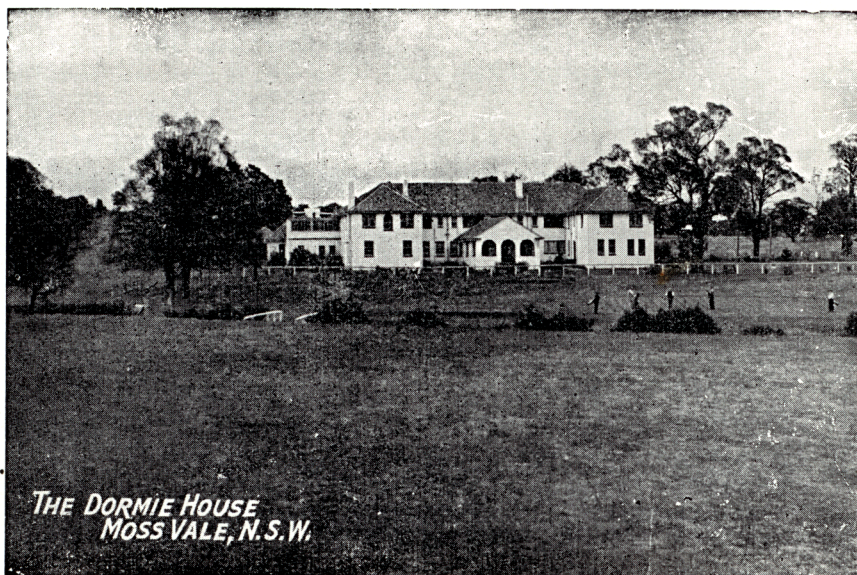
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"On the eve of my departure from Australia now that my term of office in this country as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel has come to an end, I desire to express to the Committee and Officers of your Club my high appreciation of the privilege of Honorary Membership which they graciously extended to me during my residence here.

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SEPTEMBER RACE MEETING

(RANDWICK RACECOURSE)

Saturday, 13th September, 1958

Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersalls Club, Sydney, or Secretary, N.J.C., Newcastle, subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

NOVICE HANDICAP

For Three-Year-Olds and upwards at time of starting. With £1,000 added.
One Mile and a Half.

THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP

With £1,000 added. For Three and Four-Year-Olds at time of starting.
One Mile.

HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP

With £1,000 added. Lowest handicap weight not less than 8st. 7lb.
Seven Furlongs.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP

With £1,500 added. Seven Furlongs.

THE CHELMSFORD STAKES

(Weight-for-Age, with Allowances. For Horses Three-Years-Old and upwards.)
With £2,000 added. (No Allowances for Apprentices.) One Mile and One Furlong.

SPRING HANDICAP

With £1,500 added. One Mile and a Quarter.

WELTER HANDICAP

With £1,000 added. Lowest Handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb. One Mile

Entries close before 3 p.m. on MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1958
and must be accompanied by first forfeit of £1.

Weights to be declared at 10 a.m. on **Monday, 8th September, 1958.**

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 12 noon on **Thursday, 11th September, 1958**, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

PENALTIES.—In all races (unless otherwise provided), the winner after the declaration of weights of a flat race or races shall carry such additional weight (if any), for each win as the Handicapper shall determine (not exceeding in the aggregate 7 lb.).

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